



2026 *Lillian Marrero Scholarship Award* Announcement

The Lillian Marrero Scholarship Award was established to encourage library science students who are committed to serving Latino communities by providing financial assistance, and to help recruit and nurture more diverse and multilingual library staffs.

The scholarship is named in honor of the late Lillian Marrero, a librarian of the Free Library of Philadelphia, for her excellent service to underprivileged communities, as well as for her outstanding commitment to representing, recruiting for, and promoting the REFORMA Northeast Chapter (RNE) and its missions.

Award: A \$1,000 scholarship, to be awarded in two disbursements.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Candidates must be currently enrolled (either full-time or part-time) in an accredited MLS or Ph.D. library school program and provide proof of enrollment.
- Candidates must be a current, active member of the REFORMA Northeast Chapter. Active status is determined by participation in RNE meetings, events, and/or committees. Please check <http://reformanortheast.org> for upcoming meetings and events.
- Candidates should demonstrate an understanding of and desire to serve Latinos and Spanish-speaking communities.

The REFORMA Northeast Chapter's *Lillian Marrero Scholarship Award* is not restricted by age, gender/gender orientation, creed, national origin, sexual preference/orientation, or minority group association/membership. Applications and additional information are available at <http://reformanortheast.org/>. Applications may be submitted from Thursday, January 1, 2026, through Wednesday, April 1, 2026. Applicants will be notified on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, of the RNE Scholarship Award Committee's decision.

For more information, please contact Louis Muñoz Jr., RNE Scholarship Committee Chair, at louis.munoz@maplewoodlibrary.org, Subject line "2026 RNE Scholarship." We look forward to your application, and in the meantime, we wish you the very best with your studies.